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FOURTEENTH JOINT USIB COMINT/ELINT COMMITTEE MEETING

DCI Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA,

12 December 1961

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Mr. T. Achilles Polyzoides, Department of State, Chairman, COMINT Committee  
[REDACTED], DIA, Interim Chairman, ELINT Committee

PRESENT:

STATE

Mr. Richard E. Curl

ARMY

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

NAVY

Capt. Donald M. Showers

AIR FORCE

Col. Philip G. Evans

CIA

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JCS

Capt. Theodore C. Siegmund, USN  
Col. Walter S. Hammond, USAF  
(For Col. Eugene A. Trahan, USA)

NSA

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

& NSA  
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Lt. Col. Harry J. Thompson, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

ARMY

Lt. Col. Arnie L. Millican, USA (Ret.)

NAVY

Capt. Charles R. Clark  
Cmdr. Arthur H. Osgood  
Miss Dora A. Davis

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Mr. John J. Connelly, Jr.

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Mr. David S. Clark

AIR FORCE

Major Alva H. May, USAF

SECRETARIAT

The Fourteenth Joint Meeting, held on 12 December 1961, came to  
order at 9:30 a.m. and lasted for 1025. RDP82-001527R000100230027-3

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-CC-29.11/52  
USIB-EE-29.11/56

Agenda Item, Considered at the 14th  
Joint COMINT and ELINT Committee Meeting,  
held on 12 December 1961.

Subject:

[REDACTED]

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References:

- (a) USIB-M-187, Special Annex, 30 November 1961
- (b) USIB-CC-29.11/51, and USIB-EE-29.11/55, 7 December 1961

PROBLEM:

To consider the NSA memorandum provided with reference (b) in response to reference (a).

DISCUSSION:

25X1X7 The Members discussed reference (b) at length to assure full understanding of the series of positions proposed for use by the U.S. Negotiators in their efforts to attain agreement in talks with the [REDACTED] short of the ultimate USIB approved "final fall back position."

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The philosophy behind the problem was explored, including a review of evidence of the adamant attitude the [REDACTED] have displayed regarding their [REDACTED] U.S. SIGINT operations.

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The NSA Member reminded the Committees that all aspects were previously agreed between U.S. [REDACTED] negotiators except those covered by paragraph 5.e. of the Memorandum of Understanding, which dealt with joint operations.

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25X1X7 The COMINT Committee Chairman expressed the opinion, shared by the others present, that the NSA Memorandum was an excellent paper and that it not only responded to the Board request, but actually exceeded expectations.

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NSA also placed before the Committees a proposed message apprising that Board of the nature of and extent to which the U.S.

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Operations in [REDACTED] would be asked to concur or comment on the proposals prior to resumption by the U.S. of negotiations with the [REDACTED]

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This message draft will be referred to USIB on a "no objection" basis with an early deadline in order to place the matter before [REDACTED] in anticipation of an early reply.

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SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The proposed message [REDACTED] was circulated as USIB-E-29.11/26, 12 December 1961.

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DECISION: (12 December 1961)

The COMINT and ELINT Committees jointly approved: (1) The NSA proposals contained in reference (b); they are to be submitted to USIB with approval recommended. (2) The proposed message [REDACTED] it will be submitted to USIB for consideration on a "no objection basis" with approval recommended.

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ACTION FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

To consider for approval the Committee memorandum (USIB-E-29.11/27, 12 December 1961) of proposals regarding [REDACTED] when presented, and to consider the [REDACTED] (USIB-E-29.11/26, 12 December 1961) on a "no objection basis."

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-CC-29.19/22  
USIB-EE-29.19/10

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the 14th Joint COMINT and ELINT Committee  
Meeting, held on 12 December 1961.

Subject:

COMINT Relations with [REDACTED]

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Reference:

USIB-CC-29.19/20, 14 November 1961.

PROBLEM:

To consider an NSA request concerning the reference.

DISCUSSION:

The NSA Member referred to the discussion of the reference, Item 1, 111th (Special) COMINT Committee Meeting, 17 November 1961, USIB-CC-29.19/21, 17 November 1961 (Revised 5 December 1961), and explained his agency now wanted to withdraw the request circulated with the reference.

NSA now considers that [REDACTED] action should be in accordance with the provisions of Appendix F, [REDACTED] therefore, there is no longer any requirement for a USIB policy decision.

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DECISION: (12 December 1961)

The Committee approved the NSA request which now relegates the reference to a nonactive status. It is understood that NSA will appropriately advise [REDACTED] concerning the matter.

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USIB-CC-5./149

USIB-EE-5./73

Item not on the Agenda, Considered at the 14th Joint COMINT and ELINT Committee Meeting, held on 12 December 1961.

Subject:

Departure of Captain Theodore C. Siegmund, USN.

The Joint Staff Member of the COMINT Committee, Captain Theodore C. Siegmund, USN, bid adieu to the other Members of the two Committees. He expressed regret at departing, thanked everyone for their kindness and consideration, but spoke with anticipation regarding his forthcoming assignment as Captain of a naval vessel.

The Cochairman and Members responded--wishing the best for Captain Siegmund in his new assignment, and thanking him for the valuable contributions he has made during the time he has served as a Member of the COMINT Committee and as an alternate Member of the ELINT Committee.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The Secretariat will forward a memorandum to Captain Siegmund providing him unclassified notification of the contents of this minute.

ACTION FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-CC-29./1  
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Item not on the Agenda, Considered at  
the 14th Joint COMINT and ELINT Committee  
Meeting, held on 12 December 1961.

Subject:

SIGINT "Area Studies."

References:  
(Selected)

- (a) USIB-M-137, Special Annex, Item #3.b,  
24 January 1961
- (b) USIB-C-29.22/7, 16 February 1961
- (c) USIB-M-141, Special Annex, Item #3,  
21 February 1961

PROBLEM:

To determine appropriate future action with respect to the subject.

DISCUSSION:

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In connection with the discussion of the item relating to SIGINT  
Negotiations with [REDACTED] it was noted that if the recent trend in

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There was considerable agreement among the Members, and Mr.  
Polyzoides suggested that this would be a profitable project to under-  
take right after the start of the new year.

DECISION: (12 December 1961)

This subject is to be placed on the Agenda for further consideration  
in about one month.

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ACTION FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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This paper is the first to bear the "USIB-CC-29./" file designation.  
The subject of this file is: USIB-CC-29./ [REDACTED]

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